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FROM AMBASSADOR [REDACTED]

I APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE RE FREI AND WERE IT PHYSICALLY
POSSIBLE AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY OPPORTUNE I WOULD DO SO, BUT
I DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT IT IS.

FREI HAS NO INTENTION OF ADDRESSING JUNTA TO THE BEST
OF MY KNOWLEDGE. RATHER HE IS ENGAGED IN ALL SORTS OF TALKS
WITH KEY PDC AND OTHER PERSONAGES. TONIGHT HE IS DINING WITH
LLERAS RESTREPO. THERE IS A CHANCE THAT I HAVE ARRANGED A
PRIOR MEETING WITH LLERAS WHO ARRIVES HERE AT 1730 HOURS.
IF SUCH A MEETING WITH LLERAS WERE TO MATERIALIZE, I WOULD
EXPLOIT IT FULLY. ALSO, I AM SEEING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE IS TRUSTED [REDACTED] AND WILL ARRANGE
FOR A MEETING BETWEEN [REDACTED] YOU SHOULD
KNOW THAT I HAD EARLIER MESSAGED TO FREI (AND IT WAS DELIVERED
SINCE I HAD CONFIRMATION FROM EYEWITNESSES) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE ALSO HAS
TOLD HIS OWN MILITARY THAT THE U.S. WILL END ALL MILAID AND
THAT THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES WILL SOON BE DEFENSELESS
AGAINST ARGENTINA AND PERU. HE IS FULLY AWARE OF THE
MARXISTS PLAN TO SMEAR HIM ONCE AND FOR ALL AFTER ALLENDE IS
IN OFFICE. AS I AM CERTAIN [REDACTED] CAN ATTEST, NO HEAD OF STATE
HAS EVER BEEN SUBJECTED TO MORE PRESSURE. MOREOVER HE HAS
CARRIED OUT EVERY SUGGESTION EXCEPT THE CRITICAL ONE (NOT
YET AT HAND) OF RESIGNING TO LEAD THE FIGHT HIMSELF. HIS
LIEUTENANTS HAVE BEEN WORKING WELL AND EFFECTIVELY IN CREAT-
ING THE RIGHT MOOD IN THE PDC BUT AGAIN HAVE BEEN DOUBLE-
CROSSED BY THE TOMICISTAS: --ALLENDE HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THE
U.P. WILLINGNESS TO FORM A JOINT COMMITTEE WITH THE PDC TO
DRAFT CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES TO FORTIFY DEMOCRATIC GUARANTEES.
THIS LAST-SECOND TURNABOUT BY ALLENDE ON THE EVE OF THE
PDC JUNTA WILL TRANQUILIZE THE JUNTA DELEGATES WHO, I TRUST,
WILL AT LEAST DELAY THEIR FINAL DECISIONS UNTIL THEY SEE HOW
THE NEGOTIATION PROGRESSES. BUT AS I SAID IN MY EARLIER
MESSAGE TO UNDERSEC JOHNSON TODAY, I HAD A FAINT SUSPICION

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THAT A DIFFERENT KIND OF DEAL WAS TAKING SHAPE. MY GUESS IS THAT FREI IS NOW COUNTING UNIQUELY ON A NEGOTIATION WITH ALLENDE THAT INCREASES THE PDC BARGAINING AND MORAL POSITION IN THE COUNTRY AND THAT AT THE SAME TIME IS PREDICATED ON A WORSENING ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE EARLY MONTHS OF THE ALLENDE GOVT. (SEE LAST PARA OF TODAY'S STATE MESSAGE INTERPRETING POLITICAL PLAY, SANTIAGO [REDACTED] WRITTEN BY ME PRIOR TO ALLENDE ANNOUNCEMENT.) IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES I ANTICIPATE TREMENDOUS PRESSURES BY PDC INCLUDING FREI AND HIS AMERICAN FRIENDS TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELS BETWEEN CHILE AND U.S. WHEN AND IF OPPORTUNE MOMENT COMES I SHALL OF COURSE GIVE IT ONE MORE COLLEGE TRY DIRECTLY WITH FREI.

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